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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraphs [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] Shift control unit 25 comprises a decision unit 25a, a canceling unit 25b, a first control unit 25c and a second control unit 25d. Decision unit 25a is programmed to decide if a current running condition value passes an upshift or downshift threshold value and sets a tentative shift of internal shifting hub 10 when it is determined that the current running condition value passes the upshift or downshift threshold value. Thus, decision unit 25a also functions as a tentative shift unit. Canceling unit 25b is programmed to cancel the tentative shift if decision unit 25a decides that the current running condition value varies from a previous running condition value by a determined value, or if a current running condition value does not pass the upshift or downshift threshold value. First control portion 25c is programmed to provide a signal to upshift internal shift hub 10 when decision unit 25a decides that a plurality of consecutive running condition values exceed a corresponding upshift threshold value, and second control portion 25d is programmed in this embodiment to provide a signal to immediately downshift internal shift hub 10 when decision unit 25a decides that a running condition value falls below a corresponding downshift threshold value.